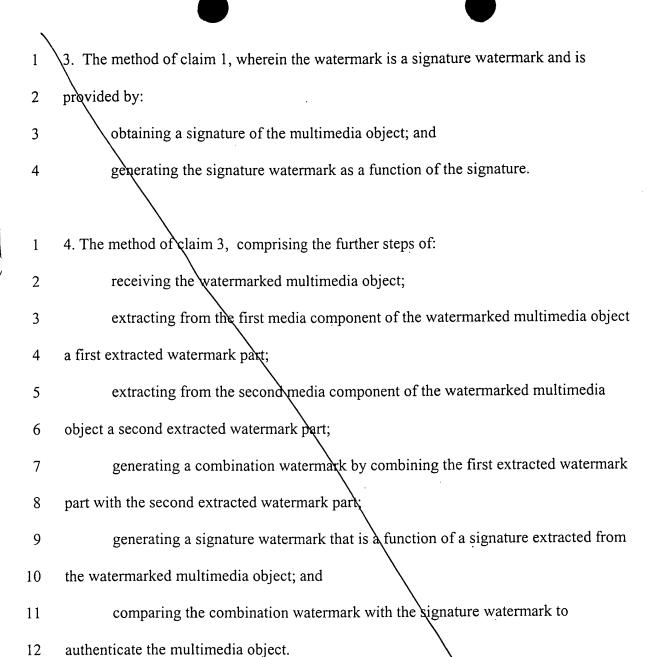
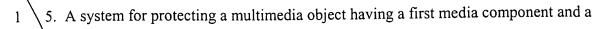
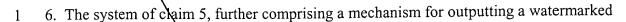
## I claim:

1	1. A method of protecting a multimedia object having a first media component and a
<u>)</u> 2	second media component, comprising the steps of:
3	providing a watermark;
, 4	splitting the watermark into a first part and a second part;
4	inserting the first part of the watermark into the first media component;
6	inserting the second part of the watermark into the second media component; and
7	outputting a watermarked multimedia object.
,	2. The method of claim 1, comprising the further steps of:
2	receiving the watermarked multimedia object;
3	extracting from the first media component of the watermarked multimedia object
4	a first extracted watermark part;
:	extracting from the second media component of the watermarked multimedia
(	object a second extracted watermark part;
,	combining the first extracted watermark part with the second extracted watermark
;	part; and
!	comparing the combined first and second extracted watermark parts with the
10	provided watermark to verify an ownership.



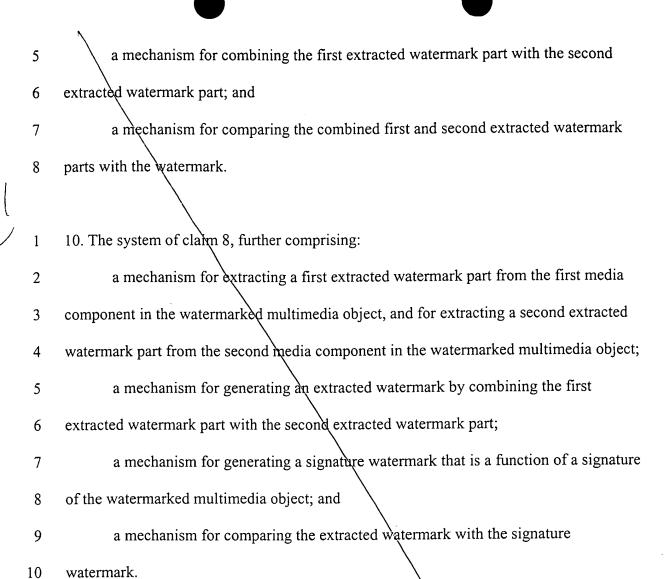


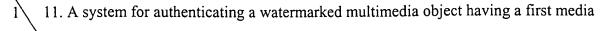
- 2 second media component, comprising:
- a mechanism for splitting a watermark into a first and a second part; and
- 4 Amechanism for inserting the first part into the first media component, and for
- 5 inserting the second part into the second media component.



- 2 multimedia object, wherein the watermarked multimedia object includes the first media
- 3 component having the first part of the watermark, and the second media component
- 4 having the second part of the watermark.
- 7. The system of claim 5, wherein the first media component is an audio component, and
- 2 the second media object is a video component.
- 8. The system of claim 6, further comprising:
- a mechanism for obtaining a signature from the multimedia object; and
- a mechanism for generating the watermark as a function of the signature.
- 1 9. The system of claim 6, further comprising:
- a mechanism for extracting a first extracted watermark part from the first media
- 3 component in the watermarked multimedia object, and for extracting a second extracted
- 4 watermark part from the second media component in the watermarked multimedia object;







- 2 component and a second media component, comprising:
- a mechanism for extracting a first watermark part from the first media
- 4 component, and for extracting a second watermark part from the second media
- 5 component;
- a mechanism for combining the first extracted watermark part with the second
- 7 extracted watermark part; and
- 8 a mechanism for comparing the combined first and second watermark parts with a
- 9 provided watermark.
- 1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the provided watermark is generated as a function of
- 2 a signature of the watermarked multimedia object.
- 1 13. The system of claim 11, wherein the first media component is a video component
- 2 and the second media component is an audio component.
- 1 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the watermarked multimedia object has a third
- 2 media object, and wherein the third media object is a closed caption component.

